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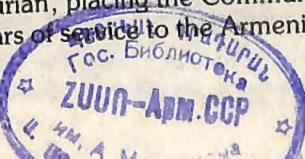
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AMAA Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, placing the Community's gift of a beautiful gold medallion on Pastor Krikor Demirjian in honor of 55 years of service to the Armenians in Greece (See page 6 for story)



# NO CHURCH IS A SMALL CHURCH



— Guest Editorial  
Edward S. Toumassian

the Apostolic Church at Pentecost. They were a handful of people who turned the world upside down."

These words still echo in the pavilion of my mind and help me to realize that none of the churches I had served and would serve should be considered as small churches.

Our Church, the Immanuel Armenian Congregational of Downey, is a great Church and is destined and called to play a great role. It is great because it is the Church of Jesus Christ and has a great potential. It is also great because it has members, both men and women, both old and young, who take their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to the church very seriously, and are willing happily and wholeheartedly to carry the church's mission and message to near and far. Any Church is as big as her outreach.

To-day, we the Immanuel Church people are celebrating the 52nd Anniversary of our existence and we thank God for this milestone and all our achievements. We have come a long way. We cannot stop or slow down now. There are still challenges and opportunities beckoning us to march forward.

We challenge and call upon our young people to come forward and slowly take over the leadership of this church under the supreme leadership of Jesus Christ.

When 48 years from now, in 2030 A.D., the 100th Anniversary of the Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church is celebrated, I will not be here, but some of you here will still be around, and perhaps will remember these prophetic words humbly spoken this evening by your Pastor. Please remember: "NO CHURCH IS A SMALL CHURCH."

## SPRINKLE THE SALT OF LOVE OVER DOGMATISM



— G.H. Chopourian

Do you recollect the witchcraft trials of 1692 in Salem, Massachusetts where 19 persons were hanged on the assumption their witchcraft had caused deaths?

Well, I came across a reading which challenges the validity of the accusations and sort of reverses history. I owe the discovery to my friend, Hrair Philip Hovnanian, Ph.D., Vice President of Cooper Vision and Cooper Labs, Inc. who referred me to a research in the American

Several years ago when I was serving as the Executive Secretary of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, I was visiting the Armenian Congregational Church of Chicago. Following the worship service on Sunday morning, some of the concerned members of the church gathered together at the parsonage on the second floor to have a heart to heart discussion about the future of the church. The beloved pastor of the church had passed away and the church was in search for a new leader. There didn't seem to be much of a prospect. With us was also sitting a very good friend of the Church, Professor Samuel Melconian of McCormick Theological Seminary. During the discussion one member of the church very innocently made a remark: "But," he said, "let us not forget that our Church is a small Church."

Very quietly and gently, in words clear and distinct, Professor Melconian stood up and said, "Brothers, let me say something; no Church is a small Church. Every Church is a great church. There may be churches which have small buildings, small budgets, small congregations, small ministers and deacons — but the Church itself is a great Church. The Church is great because it is the body of Jesus Christ and the instrument of God's purpose to save men and women. The Church is great because it has unlimited potential for growth and service. Look at

Scientist magazine of July-August, 1982 by Miss Mary K. Matossian, Associate Professor of History at the University of Maryland and for the last few years doing research on the impact of mold poisoning epidemics on human population trends and social behavior. She believes that the Salem Witchcraft Affair was LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) related and suggests that an outbreak of a type of food poisoning known as convulsive ergotism may have led to the 1692 accusations of witchcraft. Ergot is a fungus which infects various cereal plants and the dried sclerotia of rye, for instance, become the basic source of lysergic acid. People under the influence of this compound become highly suggestible. Matossian relates the wide occurrence of witchcraft to an epidemic of fungus due to eating rye bread which in 1692 affected many with sensations of "seeing visions, flying in the air, bewitchment." They were accused of witchcraft and hanged.

What does all this have to do with dogmatism and love?

Not much, really, and yet a great deal! It all depends on whether one's outlook is dogmatic or open. You see, when priority is given to dogmatism, or principle, or whatever other name we might give to it, in the name of religion, truth, patriotism, special knowledge and so forth, it fails to take account of human insufficiency — human limitedness, finiteness. If conclusions are reached, whether they be in the areas of administration, business directions, labor relationship, human encounters and so on, without full review of facts and with humble acceptance that there could be other facts of which we have no immediate knowledge, those conclusions can only be dogmatic adherence to opinion and lead to "witch-hanging" of opposers of the conclusions. Consider Copernicus. He feared to publish his sound theory on the spherical nature of earth and its rotation because the theory contradicted church doctrine. Or, Galileo, who was forced by the Inquisition to abjure his belief that "earth moved about sun."

Such "principle" throws respect for the other person out of the window and with it concern and love. If one were open to the possibility of there being more facts to be unraveled in the light of which answers might be different to what is believed, then respect for difference of opinion introduces the element of friendship and love. If onto principle love were sprinkled witch-hanging of all kinds and colors would stop.

That is the mystery of Christ and his agape.

# COMMENDATIONS EXTENDED TO AMAA BY AEUNA BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

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— M.B. Janbazian

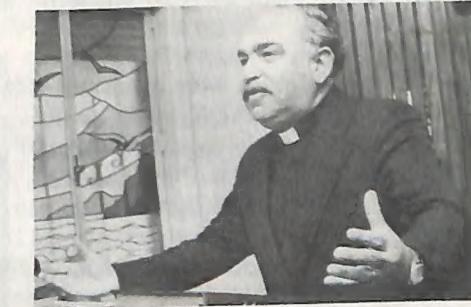
June 23-27, 1982, registered about 325 pastors, delegates, retired ministers, guests and youth representing 21 of the 22 member churches of the AEUNA.

Dr. Kennel Touryan presented the



The Rev. Vartkes Kassouni

timely theme, "Christ, Culture and Commitment" in two evening sessions. The business sessions of the Assembly were presided ably and astutely by the



The Rev. Bernard Guekguezian

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### ON THE APRIL ISSUE EDITORIAL ON ARMENOCIDE

Telephone calls, verbal comments and letters have commended the "spirit" of the editorial entitled, "The Dead Testify to the Truth of Armenianocide." Responding to requests for reprints, copies have been made available and interested parties may write to: AMAA, 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652.

**The Rev. Mihran Keoroghlian** of Redlands, Calif., comments:

The editorial or the leading article under your name in AMAA NEWS is magnificent. I had discovered the book by Toynbee in the PSR library, when I was a student at the Pacific School of Religion in the late forties; and had always wondered why the author had called it "Armenian Atrocities," when he actually meant "Turkish Atrocities." Now I know why: to confound the Turkish functionary.

**George Moissides**, Ph.D. writes from Kalamazou, MI.:

Congratulations on your article in the AMAA NEWS of April, 1982, re: the Armenianocide! It is to the point and truly Christian. I hope it will get a much wider publicity than, possibly, the AMAA NEWS can provide. Someone must find a way of bringing it to the attention of a greater public and especially the attention of the Turkish authorities. I personally believe in the solidarity of the human race and therefore, can see now, as long as there is no penitence and restitution on the part of the descendants of the perpetrators of the Armenianocide they are justly paying for the sins of their fathers. I say this kindly.

### ON HAGOP BOGIGIAN ARTICLE ON HOYKOKE COLLEGE

**Shohig Sherry Terzian**, of Los Angeles, writes:

It is surely a pleasure for me to read

"Hagop Bogigian and His Legacy to Mount Holyoke" by Dr. Hagop Martin Deranian in your current issue. Actually, both Mount Holyoke and Hagop Bogigian have held special meaning for me: the Scholarship which Mr. Bogigian established enabled my sister, Annette Terzian, to attend Mount Holyoke. She was one of the first recipients from New York City.

Many thanks to you and Dr. Deranian for drawing Hagop Bogigian's work to the attention of your readers.

### ON THE ISSUE OF APATHY

In some (perhaps most) Arm'n Evangelical church publications, there seems to be a frightening apathy to certain issues. One rarely comes across letters to editors. Readers seem to take whatever is offered to them without the slightest attempt at questioning the issues. As a result, editors and contributors may lose their sense of accountability to their readers and sometimes to higher human principles.

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## The Inspirational Corner

### ON BEING MADE TO FEEL WELCOME

A man visited 18 different churches on successive Sundays to find out what the churches were really like.

He said of these visits: "I dressed neatly, and made sure I smiled. I sat in the front pews. After the service, I walked slowly to the rear, then returned to the front and back to the foyer, using another aisle.

"I asked one person to direct me to a

specific place: a fellowship hall, pastor's study, etc. I remained for coffee, if served. I used a scale to rate the reception I received."

He awarded points on the following basis: ten for a smile from a worshiper; ten for a greeting from someone sitting nearby; 100 for an exchange of names; 200 for an invitation to have coffee; 200 for an invitation to return; 1000 for an

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introduction to another worshiper; and 2000 for an invitation to meet the pastor.

On his scale, 11 of the 18 churches earned fewer than 100 points. Five actually received less than 20. His conclusion: "The doctrine may be biblical, the singing inspirational, the sermon uplifting, but when a visitor finds nobody who cares whether he's here, he is not likely to come back."

From the bulletin of the Armenian Cong'l Church of Detroit

Moderator of the Union, the Rev. Vartkes Kassouni.

The AMAA, represented by its President, Mr. George Philibosian, Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian and Field Director, the Rev. Moses B. Janbazian, extended their thanks for the time allotted in the Assembly Program for reporting and presentation of AMAA's outreach.

A special two-hour program, prepared and led by the Field Director entitled, "AMAA in Focus," was presented which included a film on "Missions Partnership in Syria." Testimonies were given from the mission fields by the Rev. Abraham Chaparian of the newly-organized Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood; Mr. Hratch Baliozian of the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center; and the Reverends Barkev Orchanian and Nerves Khachadourian, who returned from the Middle East recently. Two of our young people, Larry Bakalian of Philadelphia, Pa. and Vartan Der Ghevontian of Hollywood, Calif., led the devotions. The AMAA President, Mr. George Philibosian, headed a panel discussion on the theme, "AMAA's Ministry: Present Realities and Future Prospects" with Mr. Augustine Badeer, the Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, the Rev. Bernard Geukguezian and Mr. George Philibosian as main panelists and the Rev. Dr. Peter Doghramji, acting as Moderator. The panel presentation, which triggered lively and interesting comments, helped highlight a number of important issues relating to the life and work of the Association.

The Armenian Evangelical Youth Fellowship Convention, which was held concurrently with the AEUNA Assembly, had an impressive representation of young people. The Rev. Roger Minasian was the main speaker at the youth convention and Elvis Presley's step-brother, Rick Stanley, was the guest speaker at the Saturday night rally at which time scores of youth and adults responded to God's leading and committed their lives to Christ.

The Sixth General Assembly, by all standards, was a unique and memorable event which culminated in a meaningful communion service followed by a worship service on Sunday, June 27, during which the Rev. Dr. Peter Doghramji installed the newly-elected officers of the AEUNA and AEYF.

As the AEUNA family plans to meet again in Fresno in 1984, we pray that the Lord may bring to fruition the efforts of the new slate of officers of the AEUNA by blessing the life and ministry of our Churches for the Glory of God and edification of His people.

## GOOD THINGS DONE AND GOOD THINGS TO DO

### THE GOOD THINGS THE AMAA HAS DONE By Hratch Baliozian

Mr. Hratch Baliozian, Director of the Hollywood Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center (AESSC), testifying at the AEUNA General Assembly on the benefits received from the AMAA began his message:

"I don't know where to start to list the good things the AMAA has done for my family. I can recall as an eight-year old the tragic day in 1954 when I lost my



Hratch Baliozian

father." Citing the ages of his siblings to be 7, 4 and 2 and relating his mother's sadness, but even more so her worry as to how she was going to raise 4 children alone, Hratch told of the encouragement that came: "Soon, we received a letter from the Rev. Puzant Kalfayan, Exec. Secretary of AMAA, saying not to worry, that the AMAA would stand behind the family and would see to it that all the children went to school and received an education. I can say that the AMAA not only supported us in schools but enabled us to survive with the help of God. The Christmas and Easter letters, along with gifts from AMAA, became sources of encouragement and enjoyment giving us the feeling of the Christmas and Easter spirit.

"During my college years in Beirut," Mr. Baliozian continued, "the AMAA played a great role in my life, especially by supporting each area of my academic endeavors. Therefore, I would like to take this moment to acknowledge the assistance of the Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the AMAA, who extended his invaluable time to guide and counsel me each time he visited Beirut, Lebanon, regardless of his busy schedules. I sincerely thank him for his supportive guidance in my life.

"Now, it is my intention to provide these same benefits to other fellow coun-

trymen who are in need, in hopes of sparking inspiration in their hearts. I am very happy to labor in the Armenian Evangelical circles wherein, my wife Samira and I, experience the presence of God, enjoy a sincere loving atmosphere as well as the abundant support of the AMAA program. I urge you all to recognize and uphold this Mission."

### PROPOSALS FOR THE ROLE OF THE AMAA



Augustine Badeer

Mr. Badeer, after reviewing his knowledge about the Association first in 1945 when Rev. Bedikian was the Executive Secretary and his growing association with it next when his dear friend, the Rev. P. Kalfayan, took over the post of Executive Secretary and since then having witnessed its evolution into maturity and remarkable set up worthy of its aims and outreach, accepts that this organization has played a providential role in our Armenian Evangelical Movement around the world in general, and in the Middle East in particular. "Ever since World War II," he states, "the AMAA has gained more momentum and its services have been gigantic, particularly all over the Middle East."

In view of such development, he proposes the establishment of two distinct Departments (not committees) for the serious consideration of the Board of Directors.

1. "May I suggest," he says, "it is time now to study the urgency for a Department for Missions whose primary duty would be to study the possibility of such a program where the Association would have at least one full time 'Missionary' at large and whose sole duty and service would be to do evangelistic work within and outside our Church circle."

"With this kind of a Department in operation," he suggests, cautioning he

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## GREGORY MOORADKANIAN: A VALIANT WORKER FOR THE AMAA

However, during the Harpoon massacres of 1895-1896, his home came under attack. The family had moved to their new home in the center of the city for greater security. Yet the home, situated as it was on top of a rocky eminence and facing an open area of bisecting roads, stood out as a prime target for a group of soldiers. A Turkish official of that district, seeing the soldiers attack, immediately intervened, shouting: "That house is a protected one." His was the voice of authority, and the family was saved. During the day this home became a further refuge and hiding place for 20 or more neighborhood men, women, and children whom the Mooradkanians took in and provided with food, shelter, and protection during the massacres.

Because of the extremely unstable political conditions, however, the Mooradkanians left their home shortly after this incident and sailed for America the turn of the 20th century.

Gregory, together with his parents, grandmother, sister Agnes, and brother Mesrop, settled in Lawrence, Massachusetts. There Gregory received both his primary and secondary schooling. In his senior year in high school, he was elected editor-in-chief of the Lawrence High School *Bulletin*, the school's monthly literary magazine. Later he attended Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he majored in English and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1917. Following graduation, he taught English and history for one year at East Greenwich Academy in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Then World War I broke out. Gregory entered the United States Army, serving in the 36th Machine Gun Battalion of the 12th (Plymouth) Division. When the War ended, he came home and entered Harvard Law School, graduating in 1923 with the degrees of Bachelor of Law and Juris Doctor.

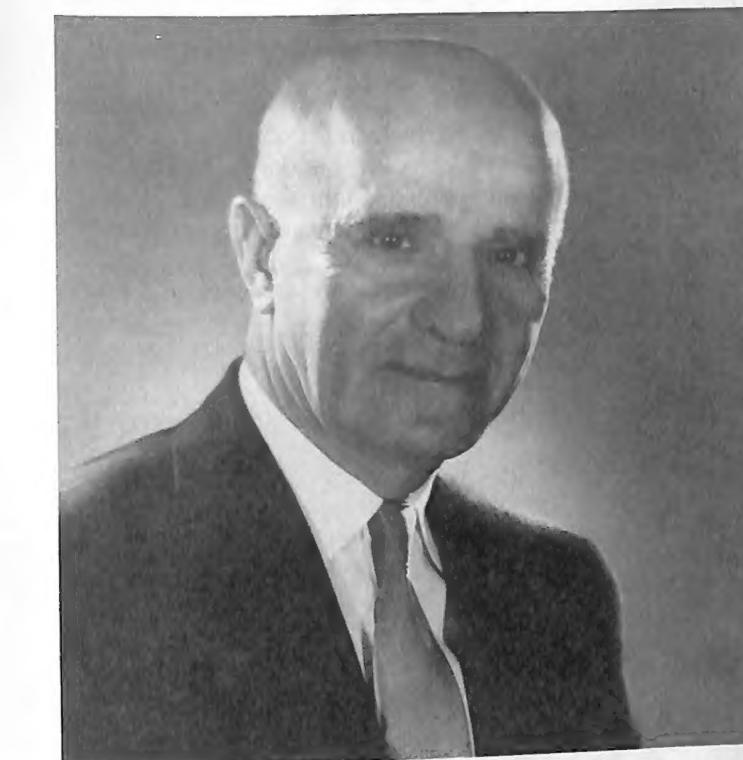
Gregory set up law practice in Worcester, Massachusetts, the first lawyer of Armenian heritage in that city. After four years there, he transferred his office to Boston, Massachusetts, where he maintained an office for 53 years before retiring.

Gregory was married to the late Zabelle Condayan, daughter of Nishan and Araxie Condayan of Pera, Istanbul, Turkey. They had two children, Ruth Ann and Edward. Ruth Ann spent many years as an English teacher and Director of Publications at North Andover High School, North Andover, Massachusetts. Edward is an Assistant Chief in the Estate Tax Division of the State of Massachusetts.

For more than 40 years, Gregory has lived with his family in the town of North Andover, Massachusetts, where he has continued to give his time to the church. He is a member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of North Andover, and served as its representative to the Andover Association of Congregational Churches. The Association elected him to serve on the State Layman's Council, where he was a member of the Board of Directors for five years. He incorporated and chartered the Armenian Evangelical Churches of Massachusetts. And, at the request of the American Congregational Conference and Home Missionary Society and a local Armenian church, he gave counseling and professional services to help this church resolve its financial troubles.

Gregory's other activities span many interests. For more than 40 years, he has been a member of the AGBU. For 57 years, he has been a member of the Isaiah Thomas Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Masons in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a member of long-standing in the Boston Harvard Club. For about 15 years, he was active in the International Institute of Greater Lawrence, serving on the Advisory Council and

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Gregory Mooradkhanian, Esquire

Usually there is a tendency among organizations and individuals to forget their friends or the services rendered by them. But the AMAA cannot forget the invaluable services rendered by Gregory Mooradkhanian, a distinguished attorney now retired, who lives in North Andover, Massachusetts. During a period that spanned two decades, Gregory served the AMAA loyally, and we wish to publicly recognize him for this and to laud him for his faithfulness, cooperation, guidance, and contributions of time, talent, and tithes.

Gregory served as AMAA president for two terms, from 1956 to 1958. He first joined the Board of Directors in 1954, and guided the AMAA through a very critical stage in its growth. It was he who paved the way for the founding of Haigazian College, when he formulated the purchase terms and an indenture of trust so that AMAA could acquire "Webb House" in Beirut. It was he who served as legal counselor to AMAA at a time when our legal issues abounded. In particular, his outstanding contribution was the study he made of the Armenian Funds and Trusts held by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Gregory set up procedures for funds and trusts which have since become a basic reference text for all AMAA officers who followed, even to the present day. It was he who meticulously summarized the terms and conditions of all the Funds and Trusts, recommending appropriate actions that we should take. Thanks to Gregory, we now have this information at our fingertips. Only AMAA executives and officers can fully appreciate the implications of what this means.

Like many Armenians, Gregory also has a personal story to tell of how God worked in his life and that of his family to spare them from the Turkish massacres. Gregory was born on January 11, 1891, in the city of Harpoon, on the shores of the Euphrates River. His father, in partnership with a Kurdish mullah, ran a lumbering business and operated lime kilns which supplied the Turkish military establishment and government. Thus, he maintained a friendly rapport with the Turkish officials.

# THE BLIND PROPHET OF GREECE

— G.H. Chopourian

"Don't curse the darkness, but light a candle" quoted the Rev. Krikor Demirjian in response to the many commendations recited on Sunday afternoon, June 13, 1982 at the Armenian Evangelical Church of Kokkinia when the community honored him on the completion of 55 years of pastoral ministry. "I thank God the tragedy that hit me did not turn me sour."



Mr. Zaven Tokatlian escorting the honoree out to the reception.

I was privileged to attend the touching celebrations by decision of the Board of Directors so that our Association would be represented and was most impressed to see a "standing room only" crowd at the church hall. The program included five appropriate solos by Mrs. M. Kokaliss, opening words by Chairman of the day, Mr. Assadoor Topalian, three renditions by the special choir led by Mr. Bedros Boyajian and messages and greetings by clergy of the Armenian Apostolic, Catholic and Greek Protestant churches in the persons of His Grace Bishop Vosgan Kalpakian, Monsieur Hovhannes Koyunian and the Rev. M. Kyriakakis as well as community representatives. On behalf of the Board of Directors I brought the greetings of the Association and emphasized the unusualness and uniqueness of the Rev. Demirjian's ministry: The unusual number of 55 years of service to one church and community; the extraordinary talents and capacities of

## MOORADKANIAN

the Board of Directors. In civic affairs, he spent six years as a member of the North Andover Republican Town Committee and was elected a delegate to three Republican State Conventions. He also served as a member of the North Andover Zoning Board of Appeals as well as the Planning Board for six years. For the greater part of this period, he served as chairman and legal advisor to both these Boards.

In AMAA circles, Gregory was associated with many of the AMAA greats. He worked together with Stephen Philibosian, the great benefactor. He worked with Judge Nazareth Barsumian, Samuel Hekemian, Harry Kuljian, Dr. Jacobian, and Attorney Martin Hatch. Each and every one of these men gave much of themselves, and Gregory is counted among the great ones.

We salute Attorney Gregory Mooradkian and thank him for using his capabilities and talents to help this Association grow.

the Pastor who served so well despite handicaps; the unique commitment of Mrs. Adel Keshishian Demirjian who, as the Pastor's spouse, became his eyes, arms and legs; and the very unique community who loved, cherished and labored together with the Rev. Demirjian always with great admiration and respect.

Born in 1896, during the Armenian massacres, in a small



Monsieur Koyunian addressing the guests.

village near Marash, the Rev. Demirjian lost his beloved mother when he was only 8 and, with two sibling brothers of 40 days old and 3 years, were accepted in the orphanage at Marash supported by Hilfs Bund, a German Mission, since his father was helpless and poor.

Speaking of his loss of sight, the Rev. Demirjian writes: "I was attending school and obtaining a sound Christian education full of rosy hopes and passionate zeal and enthusiasm but, at age 15, my education was interrupted by a sudden total blindness which shattered all my hopes and darkened my bright sky with gloomy clouds of despondency and disappointment." His discouragement did not last very long, however, because, as he says, "the religious ideas and feelings incubating in my soul burst out of my soul resulting in my spiritual conversion or regeneration and which flooded my heart with profound joy, opened before my spiritual eyes an infinite realm of eternal values and gave me renewed hope, courage and inspiration. Nothing could crush my will and quench my deep desire for further education and spiritual growth. So, despite my handicap I immersed in the study of history, science, mathematics, French, German and English with the help of God and the assistance of many friends who read aloud for my benefit."

Following the evacuation of Cilicia by the French forces in 1921, he left for Smyrna with his classmates where he got on the honor roll. He was miraculously saved in 1922 from the Smyrna disaster and took refuge in Thessalonica where he joined the American Agricultural and Industrial School. And in 1923, he was invited to enter the Athens School of Religion where he followed a four-year course in Theology, graduating in 1927. A year prior to graduation, in 1926, he was married to Adel Kishishian and began to serve a pastorate in 1927 leading to his ordination on April 7, 1946.

The Rev. Demirjian's capacity for memory is amazing. During the half a dozen times I was in his pulpit, he led the worship service from memory, announcing hymns, stating which

verses were to be sung and quoting at least the first verse from memory for the benefit of the congregation. Some of the greatest of authors have been his inspiration and he often quoted the words of John Milton, the blind author of Paradise Lost, "Thou hast dimmed my vision that I may see Thee and Thee alone," and the words of Whittier, in his poem, "My Birthday," has spoken to his heart too: "And, if the eye must fail of sight, the ear forget to hear, make clearer still the spirit's sight, more fine the inward ear."

"How often, by the fatherly help of God, I have been able to surmount the obstacles and difficulties in my life," he stressed.



Mr. Topalian pinning a gold pin on Mrs. Adel Demirjian.

ed. "Fortunately, my physical handicap opened before me a new vision, a heavenly vision, which moved me from glory to glory, from strength to strength and from heights to heights. I am in a position to testify that thanks to this spiritual vision

I have been able to fight, master and overcome a good many impediments in my way. Christ the Lord has given sufficient power and grace to me to turn my stumbling block into a stepping stone, to change my physical disaster into coronation, and to translate my handicap into triumph."

On behalf of the AMAA I presented a generous monetary gift to the Rev. Demirjian on the occasion, but I was more greatly blessed when I was asked to place the Armenian community's gold medallion on his shoulders. I felt that I was too small for this man of towering strength and trembled awhile that I would not possibly reach out to place the medallion on him because at that moment, in the vision of my mind, he was 50 feet tall.

The Rev. and Mrs. Demirjian have responded to the AMAA Board and the Executive Director in these gracious words:

"We highly appreciate the brotherly love, the generous good will in the form of a princely donation and the special greetings of the Board of Directors, the President, the Vice Presidents, Treasurer and the Executive and Field Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

"We do feel the honor given to us is more than we deserve. We thank the good Lord that we have so many good friends who serve us in our Christian ministry.

"We all express our deep gratitude to you for attending our Jubilee and representing the AMAA on this unique occasion."

We praise the Lord for the able ministry of the Rev. Demirjian and thank the Armenian community of Athens for honoring this servant and their spiritual shepherd so warmly and generously.

## AMAA HELPS ARMENIAN DAY SCHOOLS IN NORTH AMERICA

It is an indisputable fact that Armenian Schools play a vital role in the preservation of our Armenian cultural heritage and spiritual and ethnic values. Because of this very fact, the AMAA, over the years, has put special emphasis on its educational ministries and has founded and funded over a score of schools in the Middle East. In view of the particular needs of the steadily growing Armenian Community of North America, the AMAA, more recently, is making special efforts to encourage and support the Armenian Day Schools of the U.S. and Canada. Last year, for example, the AMAA made small allocations to all the Armenian Day Schools in the U.S. and Canada without any denominational or political discrimination. The list of the schools during the 1981-1982 academic year included:

Alex Pilibos Armenian School of Hollywood, CA  
Dickranian Armenian School of Los Angeles, CA  
American Armenian International College of La Verne, CA  
AGBU Armenian Day School of Montreal, Canada  
Armenian Mesrobian School of Pico Rivera, Ca  
Holy Martyrs Ferrahian Armenian

Sourp Hagop Armenian Day School of Montreal, Canada

A.R.S. Babayan Kindergarten & Day School of Willowdale, Canada

In appreciation of the support received, the principals of almost all of these schools have sent letters of acknowledgement to the AMAA, praising the concern of the AMAA's leadership and thanking them for the financial assistance of the Association.

Michael A. Hagopian, Principal of the Armenian Relief Society Day School, Dearborn, MI. writes:

"Dear Reverend Doctor Chopourian:  
"Your recent donation to the Armenian Relief Society Day School of Dearborn, MI, was most appreciated. Your kindness and generosity are a shining example of what our people stand for.

"It is organizations and people like yourself that make this school and other Armenian schools work.

"When our Armenian schools work our future will become more secure."

# THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

## THE GIRIDLANS OF PASADENA



Matilda and Levon Giridlian

Mr. Levon Giridlian, winner of the Republican Presidential Task Force Merit Medal, and his wife, Matilda, who was married to Levon in 1918 in New York with the Rev. A.A. Bedikian officiating, celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary. On that occasion, the couple donated, in honor of their parents, the sum of \$5000 to be established as the Levon and Matilda Giridlian Endowment Fund with 75% of the annual income assigned for theological student scholarship and the other 25% toward AMAA projects. Their decision was further stimulated by the AMAA NEWS article on missionary Wingate. Levon asked the Executive Director, who was in Los Angeles July 13-20, to visit him and showed him the letter he wrote to Mr. Harry S. Wingate which reads in part:

"It was with great interest that I read Dr. Chopourian's account of his luncheon meeting with you. It brought me many memories of your parents, both of whom I had the pleasure of knowing personally. Your father used to come from Talaas to Kayseri twice a week to give English lessons to my class at the high school, and I knew your mother from my working in the same missionary compound (I was there as a male nurse for a full year — 1903) and, through the church.

"Actually my knowledge of your mother and her father, Dr. Smith, goes back even further when, as my mother told me, my mother had been sent to live in Dr. Smith's home. Mother was a boarding pupil at Marsovan College when a famine gripped the land. The girls were sent to the homes of missionaries and other persons of some means where food was available and was shared with them. She used to tell how she helped around the house to repay the kindness and often rocked little Jane to sleep in her arms."

Levon, born in Caesarea on March 23, 1885, has a hand-breaking grip at 97. Matilda was born in Broussa on March 30th. Happy forthcoming 75th Anniversary, friends.

## YESSAYANS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Levon and Haiganoush Yessayan of Belmont, Mass. were honored recently with a surprise party on their 50th wedding anniversary. The four children of the Yessayan couple, viz. Dr. Garabed Yessayan of Watertown, Mass.; Mrs. Rose Bazarbashian of Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Liza Yessayan Dulgarian of Belmont, Mass. and Nazareth Yessayan of Cleveland, Ohio, hosted the party which was held on May 1, 1982 at the Sheraton Commander Hotel in Cambridge, Mass.

By the request of the Yessayan children, individual gifts made in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Levon Yessayan were



Levon and Haiganoush Yessayan

directed to the educational ministry of the AMAA. A most thoughtful way of marking a happy occasion indeed and a commendable way of extending a loving tribute to dear ones. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Yessayan children. May God continue to bless your parents with health, happiness and prosperity.

## HRANT GUZELYAN LEAVES TURKEY

Through a recent telephone communication and a personal letter addressed to the Executive Director, Mr. Hrant Guzelyan informed the AMAA headquarters that he was granted a visa by the Turkish authorities and that he is now in Marseille, France. Mr. Guzelyan has not disclosed his plans for the future. It is believed, however, that he will settle in France where the Armenian Evangelical community will probably benefit from his services. Meanwhile, the work of our Istanbul Youth Home continues under the able supervision of Mr. Hrant Dink, a former student at the Home.

## NUPTIALS OF CELIA AND JAMES

Celia, daughter of Board member Dr. Edward Karian and his wife Lucy, and James Novosel were united in the sacred bond of marriage by Rev. Joanne Hartunian on July 11, 1982 in the summer residence of the bride's parents in Pocasset, Cape Cod, Mass. The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. James Novosel, will reside in San Francisco, Calif.



Celia & James; Lucy and Edward (lower picture)



## MICHAEL AND KATHERINE KHANJIAN

Michael, one of AMAA's Seminarians, who will complete his Theological training next year, is the son of Leo and Mary Khanjian of Miami, Fla. The nuptials were in the spring of 1982.



Michael and Katherine Khanjian, Bride and Groom, with Grandfather, Garabed Philibosian.

## KUDOS TO JOHN MARKARIAN ON HIS RETIREMENT



Inga and John Markarian

Dr. John Markarian, first President of Haigazian College founded in 1955 by the Armenian Missionary Association of America, has been receiving extensive coverage in important national newspapers on his retirement from the Presidency as of June 30, 1982. The Los Angeles Times' staff writer J. Michael Kennedy indicated his own positive appreciation by his article, "College President Awash in Praise as Long Stay in Beirut Nears End," and Chicago Tribune's Joseph A. Reaves wrote, "Israel Shells Besieged Beirut — Yank Feeds 20,000 Beirut Refugees." Other staff writers have written in high praise of Markarian who stood by the College bravely through thick and thin.

A recognition banquet is planned for September 18, 1982 at Los Angeles when further Kudos will be poured upon this unusually resourceful, dynamic and brave man. The members of the Los Angeles-based Board of Trustees will organize the event and the East Coast-based AMAA will be represented by Mr. George Philibosian, President of the AMAA, Mr. Edward Janjigian, Treasurer and Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director.

## AN ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL DAY SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES

Through the joint efforts of the AMAA, AEUNA and the Armenian Evangelical Churches of Southern California, an Armenian Evangelical Day School will open in Los Angeles in the beginning of the 1982-83 school year.

The AMAA has already pledged an outright grant of \$40,000 as "seed money" to the school from its 1982-83 fiscal.

The Armenian Evangelical Day School of Los Angeles will aim to provide quality education above state code requirements with Evangelical Christian orientation

as well as enrichment in the Armenian cultural heritage.

We need to prevent the erosion of the Armenian and Christian identity of our youth by providing them with a wholesome education which emphasizes Christian precepts and values, as well as Armenian language, history and cultural heritage. The Armenian Evangelical Day School of Los Angeles will serve this purpose.



Mrs. Alice Haig

The Board of Directors, conscious of the energetic leadership of Mrs. Alice Haig, AMAA West Coast Vice President, have extended their profound gratitude to her because without her dynamic leadership and hard work, the founding of this school would have been in jeopardy.

## PAUL ARTHUR ROUBIAN, M.D.

On June 10th, 1982, Paul A. Roubian graduated from Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Son of Dr. Vahe Roubian, past President of AMAA, and his wife Genevieve of Manhasset, New York,



Paul Roubian, M.D.

Paul received his elementary and high school training in Manhasset, entered Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, New Jersey, from where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biology, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Paul has assumed a residency program in General Surgery at Stony Brook University Hospital in Stony Brook, Long Island.

Congratulations, Dr. Roubian and prayerful best wishes for a distinguished career.

## FIELD DIRECTOR COMPLETES ITINERARY OF CHURCH VISITATION

Our Field Director, the Rev. Moses B. Janbazian, recently completed his itinerary of church visitations for 1981-82. During the past seven months, he visited all but one of our supporting Armenian Evangelical Churches in North America with the purpose of conveying the extent of the ongoing work of the Association. He happily reports that "the AMAA continues to enjoy the admiration, love and trust of the public in general and our Armenian Evangelical people in particular," and adds that "this is the most precious asset of the Association."

The last church on the Field Director's schedule was the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church of Havertown, Pa. which had made arrangements for a Special AMAA Sunday Service followed by a missionary luncheon.



(Right to left) Martyrs' Church Pastor S. Nuyujukian, former Pastor Peter Doghramji with Millard Bekmezian and Vahan Benglian, prominent leaders of the church.

## AMAA BRANCH IN CANADA

We are happy to announce that by the approval and encouragement of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc., plans are under way to organize an AMAA Branch in Canada. Initial steps towards the opening of the branch were taken recently when the AMAA Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, met with pastors and representatives of

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**Founding Members of AMAA of Canada**

the Armenian Evangelical Churches of Canada. During the meeting which was held in Toronto, a local attorney and a five member committee were appointed to pursue the establishment of the proposed branch which will officially be named, "Armenian Missionary Association of Canada," will be incorporated with the Federal Government of Canada and will operate as a tax exempt charitable organization.

We pray for God's help so that the proposed branch may become a reality soon and serve as an effective agency for the enhancement of the charitable spirit of the Armenian community and the growth of the missions ministry of our churches in Canada.

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

**THE ARMENIAN CILICIA CONG'L CHURCH OF PASADENA** celebrated its 60th anniversary in May, 1982 with a banquet on May 21 and a special church service on Sunday, May 23.

**THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK** celebrated its 86 years of active existence at an anniversary banquet on Sunday, May 16.



**Church Council of Cilicia Armenian Church of Pasadena**

**THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER** held a gala banquet on March 27, 1982 on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of its founding.

The AEESC, founded by the AMAA and the Armenian Evangelical Churches of Los Angeles, is considered to be one of the most efficient organizations of its kind in America.

We praise God for this unique outreach through which we have the privilege of serving the basic needs of our immigrant fellow Armenians settling in the Greater Los Angeles area.

### ANNUAL AMAA JULY 4TH PICNIC

Thanks to the ideal weather and hard work of the members of the AMAA Public Relations Committee, our traditional July 4th Picnic this year was considered to be a most successful one. A large crowd numbering close to 400 members and friends of the AMAA attended the annual event which was held on the beautiful lawns of the AMAA/Armenian Presbyterian Church complex. Along with the "just right" sun-



**Picnic Helpers**



**Danny Kurkjian, Chairman of the AMAA Public Affairs Committee, reporting to the Board on the arrangements for the July 4th Picnic, the annual AMAA Banquet on October 15 and so forth.**

shine and the pleasant fellowship of the day, the participants enjoyed a delicious shish kebab dinner prepared and served by the members and volunteers of the Public Relations Committee which included Danny Kurkjian, Chairman;

Shavarsh Shishmanian; Haigazun Moomjian; Vigen Manouelian; Dico Shamlian; Michael Voskian; Steve Bezirgarian; Gladys Keuhnelian; Yeprouhi Chopourian; Sossy Hanessian; Marie Manouelian and Kathy Kurkjian. The Rev. Moses Janbazian, with help from the AMAA staff, coordinated all details. Our sincere appreciation to Mr. Barkev Hamparian of North Bergen who is always ready to offer a helping hand by preparing and cooking the delicious shish kebab for our picnics in his unique professional style.

### VISITORS AT THE AMAA HEADQUARTERS

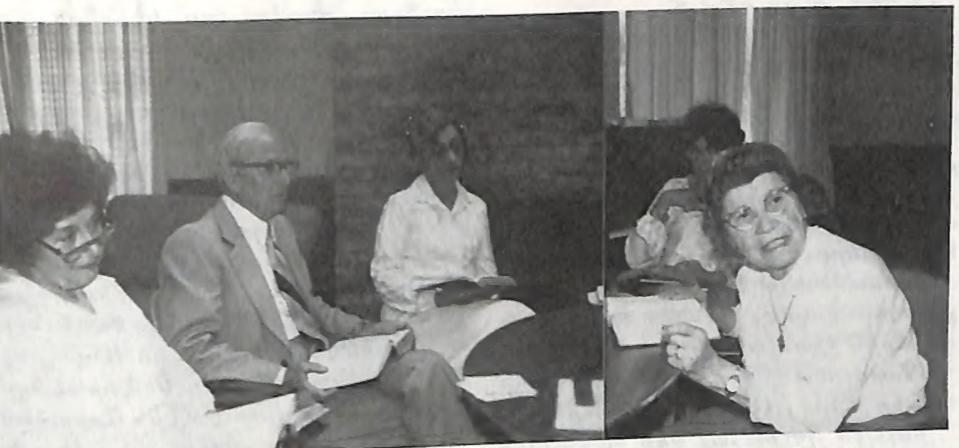
During the months of June and July, several friends and guests visited our headquarters in Paramus, N.J. and met with the officers and the Executive and Field Directors of the AMAA. Our guests included **Dr. Hrair Babayan** of



**Dr. Hrair Babayan visiting with Dr. Chopourian**

Yerevan, Armenia, Director of the Armenian Committee for Cultural Relations with the Diaspora, American Division; **Dr. William & Mrs. Elizabeth Payne** of Lexington, Va., faithful and generous supporters of the ministries of the AMAA; the **Rev. Bernard Guekguezian** of Fresno, Calif., the newly-installed Moderator of the AEUNA; **Dr. Hagop Barsoumian** of Beirut, Lebanon, Professor of History & Cultural Studies at Haigazian College; **Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Badeer** of Fresno, Calif. who have an established Trust Fund with the AMAA; **His Grace Bishop Vartan Demirjian** of Antelias, Lebanon, Director of the Publications Department of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia in Antelias, Lebanon; **Mrs. Marie Nahigian** of Belmont, Mass., and her two sons, **Harold** and **Robert**; and the Armenian Evangelical Youth from Los Angeles.

It was a privilege and pleasure to welcome these guests and friends into our offices and share a time of fellowship and discuss matters of mutual concern.



**Mrs. Elizabeth Payne (extreme right) conducting visual and biblical studies on the Good Samaritan — an inspiring session.**



**The Nahigians**



**Dr. Hagop Barsoumian briefing the Board on the Lebanon situation**



**Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Badeer (lower right) with 3 of the Trustees of the Badeer Family Trust**

## PROPOSALS

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you are willing to go to war and therefore kill human beings without regard to any human and Christian principles. No if's and but's could be read from your quick and unqualified response.

Here is how Ara Baliozian, the Canadian Arm'n writer, put it in his "Portrait of a Genius and Other Essays" in connection to a similar situation.

As a glaring example of the above phenomenon, let us consider the statement made by TEACHER (in place of a name) in reporting on an Arm'n heritage program he personally administered.

"During my teaching experience," he writes, "many questions have been asked to me, some funny, some serious, some puzzling and some which I could hardly answer. But one of the most surprising was the one asked to me by Greg: ... 'Teacher, what if some day there is a war between Armenia and America, which side should we take?' Frankly, I wish he never asked me this question, but my answer was quick, precise, and no hesitation. 'Do not forget Greg, we are FIRST Americans.'"

Kids sure have their sneaky ways of testing one's loyalty, don't they, Teacher? By all indications though, the question was not one of those which you "could hardly answer." You were definitely

"quick, precise, and no hesitation."

Your statement, Teacher, meant that to prove your loyalty to your government

does not mean what has been done so far was non-missionary, "we would be justifiably putting the accent on the 'Missionary' word in the name of the Association."

2. "Another development," he continues, "might be the creation of a Department for Youth linked to the AEUNA and youth organizations, with a full time paid Youth Director." He also suggests to change the names given to youth groups to that of Christian Endeavor, and consider calling it the Armenian Christian Endeavor Union of North America since he personally knows the great spiritual and practical value he received from the C.E. "I'm fully aware of the tremendous financial and practical difficulties the creation of these two departments would create," he concludes, "but I also know where there is

conviction and determination, nothing can stop an idea that has taken wings like the wings of an eagle. Be sure that where God guides he also provides."

Mike Balabanian  
Toronto, Canada



won gold and silver trophies as well as blue ribbons in flower arrangement contests.

Mrs. Libarian is survived by a son, Stephen Libarian; a daughter, Vivian Counts; two grandchildren; and three sisters, Rose Kendikian, Armine Demirjian and Alice Carskadan.

The AMAA Board of Directors and the Executive Director extend their sincere condolences to the children, sisters and all the kin of Mrs. Araxie Libarian and wish them God's grace and comfort.

#### DENISE ANNE SARGISOFF



Denise Anne Sargisoff

Denise Anne Sargisoff, the beloved daughter of Harold and Anne Sargisoff, died on July 10, 1982. Memorial services were held on July 14, 1982 at the Church of the Hills Chapel Forest Lawn Memorial Park with funeral services on July 15 at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in Pasadena with His Eminence and Bishop Vatche Hovsepian officiating assisted by Father Moushegh Tashjian and the Very Reverend Father Arshag Katchadourian.

Born in Pasadena, Calif. in 1949, Denise and her family moved to New Jersey in 1960 where she continued her education in local schools and later attended Fairleigh Dickinson University majoring in language and business management. She also was a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling.

In addition to her early training in religious education at the St. Thomas Armenian Church and Sunday School, as a young adult Denise became very active in the Armenian Student's Association, AGBU, church youth activities and AYMS, a newly organized young people's group, and served in executive capacities in all. During the last four years, she attended Armenian school classes learning to read and write in Armenian which made her parents very happy.

A very sophisticated lady, she had a flair for classical music, stage plays and poetry. Friendship was her life's philosophy. She was awarded Outstanding Woman of the Year Honors by the National Publication of Outstanding Young Women of America in 1976.

Denise moved back to California in 1974 and managed her father's export business there in an executive capacity as well as handling all correspondence in French, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish.

The AMAA Board of Directors and Executive Director extend sincere and deep sympathies to her parents, Harold and Anne Sargisoff, sister Janice and brother-in-law Robert Vale, brother Dennis, grandmothers Sargisoff and Murachanian as well as her aunts and uncles, praying that God's comfort will abide with all her family and give them peace.

#### CARL T. SENTELL

Carl T. Sentell of Park Ridge, IL, passed away on April 26, 1982. He was born in 1918, in Macon, Georgia.

Mr. Sentell served as a Security Guard at the First National Bank of Chicago for almost 20 years. Upon moving to Park Ridge, IL., he was employed as a Security Guard by the Granger Corp.

During the Second World War, Mr. Sentell was an M.P. Corporal. He married Armenouhy Menendian, whom he met at a party given for servicemen by Dr. Rose and Armenouhy Menendian, who are sisters. Mr. Sentell proved himself to be a faithful, loving and caring husband and brother-in-law, as well as a dear "Odar Pessa" to his Armenian friends.

Mr. Sentell is survived by his wife, Armenouhy; a son, Charles; a sister-in-law, Dr. Rose Menendian; and three sisters and two brothers from Georgia.

Funeral services for Mr. Sentell were held on April 28 with the Rev. Barkev Darakjian officiating.

The AMAA Board of Directors and Executive Director and Field Director wish to extend their heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Sentell, son, Charles, Dr. Rose Menendian and all the kin and pray that God may bless Carl's memory.

#### ARAM BEDROSIAN

Aram Bedrosian, 93, of Fresno, died on May 27, 1982. He was born in Marash Armenia. He immigrated to the United States and settled in Albany, N.Y. where he owned a meat market for over 40 years. He retired in 1954 and moved to Fresno, CA.

Mr. Bedrosian was a member of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, a World War I veteran, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Ancient Temple Lodge 14 F & AM and a member of Temple Commandary 2, Knights Templar.

Surviving are his wife, Flora; a son, Dr. Levon Bedrosian of New York; a daughter, Roxie of Fresno; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Mr. Bedrosian were held on June 1 in the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church with interment at Masis Ararat Cemetery.

The AMAA Board of Directors and Executive Director extend their heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Flora Bedrosian, and his children, Dr. Levon and Roxie as well as their families.

#### MARY KAZAROSIAN

Submitted by:  
Suren H. Aaronian

Mary Kazarosian, entered her eternal rest on Thursday, January 28, 1982. She was the wife of the late Rev. Bagdasar Kazarosian and mother of Nevert Aaronian, Paul Kazarosian, Clara Kazarosian, Phyllis Altoonian, Louise Kazarosian and the late Joseph Kazarosian and Grace Kazarosian. The funeral was held on Monday, February 1, 1982 at the first Armenian Church of Belmont.



Mary  
Kazarosian

Mary Kazarosian was born in Husenig, Armenia. She was the daughter of a dedicated mother who worked so her daughter could attend Euphrates College, where she met and married Bagdasar Kazarosian. In the years following, the Kazarosian couple became the proud parents of seven children. Surviving the massacres, with God's help, the family came to America and joined relatives in Lawrence, MA. Here the Rev. Kazarosian served as minister of the Armenian Congregational Church.

After the death of daughter Grace, the family moved to Watertown, MA and continued their church participation with the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Boston. Rev. Kazarosian served as Head Deacon and Pampish Mary was a founding member of the Senior Ladies Aid Society, very much involved in the activities of the visiting Committee. She was for many years an enthusiastic member of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Armenian Women's Welfare Association, and the Armenian Missionary Association of America. Through the AMAA she supported the education of two Armenian elementary school children for over 25 years, and made arrangements that after her passing, her daughter, Louise, would continue this effort.

Mrs. Kazarosian was blessed with six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Her daughters-in-law, Rose and the late Helen, and sons-in-law, Suren Aaronian and Deran Altounian, were like her own children. They will always remember her prayers and blessings for them.

The strength of her faith and living Christianity remained until her last day. Her inspiring prayers will always be remembered by all who knew her.

We thank the Lord for blessing us with such a sweet and wonderful Mother for so many years.

The AMAA Board of Directors and the Executive Director join in extending their sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

#### MARY BARSUMIAN KELESHIAN

Submitted by Margaret Watson

Mary Barsumian Keleshian of San Jose, CA, went to be with her beloved Savior on June 24, 1982

Mary was born in Aintab on October 5, 1905, to Hovhannes and Ossanna Barsumian. Her father and brother came to the USA prior to WW I. Mary, her mother and two sisters were left behind and were caught in the terrible massacres of the Armenians. Her mother died during deportation. Later, Mary and her two sisters came to the USA.

Even though she did not have an easy life in her growing years and bore the scars of the massacre, yet the Lord was good to her. She met a wonderful young man, Karekin Karl Keleshian, who became a devoted and faithful husband, companion and friend to the very end.

For a number of years, Mary suffered from a heart condition. After open heart surgery, she had a massive stroke and was paralysed for 16 months.

Mary had accepted the Lord as her Savior at an early age, and she reflected Christ through her gentle spirit and sweet disposition throughout her life. One of her spiritual gifts was prayer. She was indeed a prayer warrior. Due to her paralysis, she could not



Mary Keleshian and her surviving husband, Karl

speak, but her heart was in tune with the Psalmist, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Without fear she went through the valley of the shadow of death.

Now, Mary is in the presence of the Lord rejoicing with the saints. Karl, her husband, Philip, her son, her family and friends will miss her.

May the Lord comfort and strengthen her loved ones.

#### KHACHADOUR H. KHACHADOURIAN

Khachadour H. Khachadourian died on June 2, 1982, at the age of 62, in Albany, New York, after a brief illness.

Born in Aintab, Turkey, Mr. Khachadourian came to this country in 1946 and one year later, married Mary Kadehjian from Boston, MA. They then settled in Albany, NY and he was with the Roxy United Dry Cleaners from that date until the day he became ill.

Mr. Khachadourian was a member of the



Khachadour H. Khachadourian

Her funeral services were held on Saturday, May 20, 1982 at the Grace Chapel in Inglewood Park Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Vartkes Kassouni, Fr. Khajag Barsamian and Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian participating.

The AMAA Board of Directors and Executive Director join in extending their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Beklian's children, sister and kin and pray for God's grace and comfort for them.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

Mr. Minas Boyajian	Jamaica Plains, MA	
*Mrs. Lydia Ishkanian	Los Angeles, CA	
*Rebecca Keosian	Emerson, NJ	
Mrs. Dziadzan Soukiassian	Cleveland, OH	January 29, 1982
Mrs. Victoria Ishkhanian	Arlington Heights, IL	Feb. 14, 1982
*Mrs. Sirvart Bahoudian	Toronto, Canada	March 9, 1982
*Mable Yardoumian	Fresno, CA	April 14, 1982
Mr. Carl Sentell	Park Ridge, IL	April 26, 1982
*Miss Anoush Ignatius	Emerson, NJ	May 3, 1982
The Rev. Dr. Mable Lewis Sahakian	Wellesley, MA	May 7, 1982
Jill Jamgochian	Lincoln, MA	May 12, 1982
Terry Thayer	Lynwood, CA	May 15, 1982
*Mr. Arshak Amerkhanian	Los Angeles, CA	May 17, 1982
*Mrs. Araxie Libarian	Hollywood, CA	May 19, 1982
Mr. Aram Marabian	Chicago, IL	May 26, 1982
*Mr. Aram Bedrosian	Fresno, CA	May 27, 1982
Mrs. Helen Beklian	Los Angeles, CA	May 27, 1982
Mr. John Adrian	Nashua, NH	June 1, 1982
*Mr. Khatchadour Khatchadourian	Albany, NY	June 2, 1982
Mr. Hagop (Jack) Demerjian	Los Angeles, CA	June 8, 1982
*Dr. Edward Dayian	E. Greenwich, RI	June 11, 1982
*Mrs. Mary Keleshian	San Jose, CA	June 24, 1982
Denise Anne Sargisoff	Pasadena, CA	July 10, 1982
Mrs. Peter Gulezian	Haverhill, MA	July 14, 1982
*Miss Roxie Hagopian	Atlanta, GA	July 15, 1982
*Mr. John Karagozian, Sr.	Los Angeles, CA	July 22, 1982
*Mrs. Adelaide Surgeon	Daytona Beach, FL	July 25, 1982
Memorials were designated for AMAA.		

# IF YOU DON'T HAVE A WILL YOUR STATE DRAWS ONE UP FOR YOU

Attorney Curtis E. Sahakian sent to the AMAA Headquarters a "Statutory Will" based on Illinois law but which is representative of what occurs in most other states. We wish to share this "Will" with our readers since it is informative, entertaining and shows in a unique, satirical way what can happen to the property of a person who dies without a Will.

## The Statutory "Will" of John Doe.

I, John Doe, make this my "Will," by failing to have a will of my own choice prepared by my attorney.

1. I give one-half of all my property, both personal and real estate, to my CHILDREN, and the remaining one-half to my WIFE.

2. I appoint my WIFE as Guardian of my children, if she survives me; but as a safeguard I require that:

a. my WIFE make written account every year to Probate Court, explaining how and why she spent money necessary for proper care of our Children;

b. my WIFE file a performance BOND, with sureties, to be approved by Probate Court to guarantee she will properly handle our children's money;

c. when our children become adults, my WIFE must file a complete, itemized, written account of everything she has done with our children's money;

d. when our son and daughter become age 18, they can do whatever they please with their share of my estate;

e. no one, including my WIFE, shall have the right to question how our children spend their shares.

3. If my WIFE does not survive me, or dies while any of our children are minors, I do not nominate a Guardian of our children, but hope relatives and friends may mutually agree on the one, and if they cannot agree, the Probate Court can appoint any Guardian it likes, including a stranger.

4. I do not appoint an Executor of my estate, and hope the Probate Court appoints someone I would approve.

5. If my WIFE remarries, the next husband:

a. shall receive one-half of all my WIFE'S property;

b. need not spend any of his share on our children, even if they need support; and

c. can give his share to anyone he chooses, without giving a penny to our children.

6. I do not care to learn whether there are ways to lower my death taxes, and knowing as much as possible will go to

the government, instead of my WIFE and our CHILDREN.

In witness whereof, I have completely failed to make a different will of my own choice with the advice of my attorney, because I really did not care to go to all that bother and I adopt this, by default, as my "Will." — (no signature required) John Doe

## 63rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMAA

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc. will be held on Sunday, October 17, 1982 at 1:30 p.m. at the AMAA/Armenian Presbyterian Church Complex, 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ.

All members are urged to attend the meeting to:

- Receive and approve reports on the work of the AMAA;
- Confirm the new fiscal budget and approve the financial reports;
- Elect six Board members to replace out-going members;
- Elect four members to the Nominating Committee;
- Elect an Auditor; and
- Consider any other business that may legitimately come before the membership.

All are also cordially invited to the following functions related to the Annual Meeting:

- Banquet on Saturday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.
- Worship Service on Sunday, October 17, 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch on Sunday, October 17, 12:30 p.m.

We look forward with great anticipation to the presence of all ministers and members of the churches, representatives of AMAA chapters/missions committees as well as AMAA members and friends.

The Annual Meeting will be preceded by Board of Directors' meetings on October 15-16 and an AMAA sponsored Pastors' Retreat-Seminar on October 14-15. All Board members and AEUNA active pastors are urged to attend these activities.

For further information on the Annual Meeting and the related activities please call or write to:

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